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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM GENEVA JULY 30:

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SUBJ: UNCTAD UNDP GSP MISSIONS

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1. UN SECRETARIAN (PRADHAN) REPORTS THAT GSP RPROJECT MISSION SCHEDULED TO VISIT JAMAICA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND BARBADOS LAST HALF OF NOVEMBER. GSP PROJECT HAS RECEIVED REQUEST TO VISIT COLOMBIA AND WILL TRY TO INCLUDE THAT IN ABOVE MISSION. NO PLANS TO VISIT DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AS PROJECT HAS NOT RECEIVED REQUEST FROM THAT COUNTRY.

2. FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER PROJECT MISSION WILL VISIT CHILE AND PERU. JAMAICAN MISSION WILL BE PRECEDED BY A SEMINAR IN GEORGETOWN, NOVEMBER 3-11, TO WHICH WILL BE INVITED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ALL ENGLISH-SPEAKING CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. SEMINAR BEING FINANCED BY COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIA IN LONDON.

3. AT THIS TIME PRADHAN DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ASKING FOR ANY U.S. PARTICIPATION IN ABOVE MISSIONS AND SEMINAR. AS
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SEPTEMBER MISSION IS TO ONLY TWO COUNTRIES AND NOVEMBER

MISSION WILL FOLLOW SEMINAR AT WHICH MOST OF THE GSP PROJECT STAFF WILL BE PRESENT, PRADHAN BELIEVES STAFF CAN HANDLE THEM WITHOUT U.S. PARTICIPATION.

4. WASHINGTON MAY BE INTERESTED IN NOTING THAT THE UNCTAD UNDP GSP PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE IN MARCH OF 1977. UNCTAD AND UNDP CURRENTLY HOLDING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON FUTURE OF PROJECT. TWO OF THE ALTERNATIVE BEING CONSIDERED ARE THE FOLLOWING: (A) CONTINUE PROJECT LARGELY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED, OR (B) ESTABLISH IN UNCTAD MANUFACTURERS DIVISION ONE OR TWO POSITION FOR EXPERTS WHO WILL ADVISE COUNTRIES ON GSP AMONG OTHER DUTIES. ABRAMS UNQUOTE HABIB

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